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SUBJECT: U. S. - ISRAEL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: STATE 104003; TEL AVIV 2650

1. ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ARE BEING
COORDINATED WITH ISRAELI EMBASSY HERE. FOLLOWING IS FYI.

2. MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

MAY 12: 1000 - 1200 HOURS; 1600 - 1730 HOURS

MAY 13: 1030 - 1130 HOURS

SECOND DAY MEETING IS TO BE CEREMONIAL: SIGNING JOINT
COMMUNIQUE AND INITIALLING TAX TREATY. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS
ARE BEING ARRANGED.

3. FOLLOWING ISSUES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING AND
COVERED IN COMMUNIQUE. DRAFT COMMUNIQUE POUCHED TO EMBASSY
PREVIOUSLY HAS UNDERGONE A FEW CHANGES, BUT SUBSTANTIALLY
CORRECT. WE WILL SEND FINAL VERSION WHEN APPROVED.

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A. OPIC ASSISTANCE TO INVESTORS.

B. EXIMBANK LOANS REMAIN AVAILABLE.

C. ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE IN
REGULAR CHANNELS.

D. RAW MATERIALS: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON
CONSTRUCTING STORAGE FACILITIES AVAILABLE. WE WILL LOOK
ON SUPPLY REQUESTS SYMPATHETICALLY, BUT CANNOT PROVIDE
ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE OF SUPPLY.

E. INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WILL BE
ESTABLISHED AMONG PRIVATE U. S. ORGANIZATIONS TO PROMOTE
CLOSER LINKS.

F. JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE FOR INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT FROM TWO GOVERNMENTS.

G. TREATY ON AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION HAS BEEN
NEGOTIATED AND WILL BE INITIALED.

H. PUBLICITY: COMMERCE AND OPIC HAVE AGREED TO PUBLICIZE
ISRAEL TRADE, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AND INVESTMENT OPPOR-
TUNITIES; SOME PUBLICITY HAS ALREADY APPEARED.

I. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT PROCUREMENT FROM ISRAELI SUPPLIERS:
WHILE BUY AMERICAN ACT BLANKET WAIVER CANNOT BE MADE, WE
ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON PROCUREMENT PRO-
CEDURES, AND CONTACTS TO ENABLE ISRAELI SUPPLIERS TO BID.

J. JOINT TRADE PROMOTION GROUP OF USG AND GOI AGENCIES
TO BE SET UP.

K. PURCHASES FROM GSA SURPLUS STOCKPILES.

L. POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF BINATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION'S
ACTIVITIES (SEE RECENT BIZIC-DOZIER LETTER.)

4. WE WILL INFORM YOU LATER ABOUT:

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A. A.I.D. OFFSHORE PROCUREMENT;
B. JOINT DESALTING PROJECT;
C. ARAB BOYCOTT;
D. JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL: ISRAELI ECONOMIC MINISTER SHER
REMAINS DISSATISFIED WITH LIST OF POTENTIAL MEMBERS.

4. CAIRO PASS ROBINSON AND NEUMANN. KISSINGER

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